

SENATE BILL 1157
By Fowler

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to lottery scholarships.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() "Entering freshman" means a student entering a postsecondary institution who has not attempted any semester hours at any postsecondary institution after graduating from high school, completing high school in a home school program, or obtaining a GED;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-907, is amended by deleting the words and punctuation "To be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship," and substituting instead the words and punctuation "To be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship as an entering freshman," and by deleting subdivision (2) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(2) Be admitted to and enroll in an eligible postsecondary institution no later than eight (8) months after graduation from high school;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-908, is amended by deleting the words and punctuation "To be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship," and substituting instead the words and punctuation "To be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship as an entering freshman," and by deleting subdivision (3) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(3) Be admitted to and enroll in an eligible postsecondary institution no later than eight (8) months after completing high school in a Tennessee home school program, obtaining a GED, or graduating from high school.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-916(a), is amended by deleting in subdivision (5) the words “in the senior year in high school” and by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Be admitted to and enroll in an eligible postsecondary institution no later than eight (8) months after graduating from high school.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-916(b), is amended by deleting the word “and” at the end of subdivision (3), by deleting the punctuation “.” at the end of subdivision (4) and substituting instead the punctuation and word “; and”, and by adding the following language as new subdivision (5):

(5) Be admitted to and enroll in an eligible postsecondary institution no later than eight (8) months after completing high school in a Tennessee home school program or graduating from high school.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-920(a)(3), is amended by deleting the words “in the senior year of high school”.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-920(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Be admitted to and enroll in an eligible postsecondary institution no later than eight (8) months after graduating from high school.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.